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From the Convention State

The Columbus Ladies' Aid Society gives a social on the 18th. The main attraction will probably be a fish pond. This society now has forty-five active members. The managers of the Ohio Home have decided to begin on plans for a much-needed addition to the Home.

The college alumni branch here has arranged to have a moving picture exhibition for Gallaudet Day. The exhibition will show the pictures of Dr. Gallaudet, the Harvard cadets and a few others. As the branch goes to some expense in bringing the films here a small admission will be charged. Everyone will be glad to shell out a dime to see these noted films.

On Thanksgiving evening in the school chapel "Puss in Boots" will be given in pantomime by several of the pupils under the direction of William Zorn and Miss Lamson.

The deaf of Cleveland are fortunate in having Mrs. Bates for their leader in making arrangements for the next N. A. D. meeting, for she reminds one of "Veni, vidi, vici." Let the slogan be "Keep your eye on Cleveland."

Miss Anabel Kent of New Jersey made a short stop over here on her way westward. While here she was the guest of Miss Zell. The writer had the pleasure of reading parts of "Around the World in Silence," a book just issued and written by Miss Kent. All who know this charming lady will enjoy reading her book. It is written in a good, clear style and so entertaining that one feels as if Miss Kent were talking direct to you.

One of the new teachers at the school, Miss Ernestine Ball, is the granddaughter of one of the first teachers in the Ohio School. Her mother was also a teacher there.

DESERVED RECOGNITION.

Dr. E. A. Fay submitted his report at Delevan last summer as editor of the Annals to the committee in charge of that publication, and at the same time tendered his resignation, after being editor for forty-two years. This the committee refused to accept, and passed unanimously a resolution commending and endorsing his wise and able management as editor, recognizing the valuable character of the contributions accepted and the fair and able editorials, and expressing the hope that Dr. Fay will long live to serve the deaf. We wish we could have voted yea to this resolution.

A NEW INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

The New York Journal of November 9th prints the address delivered before the California Association of the Deaf recently by Douglas Tilden. In this address Mr. Tilden proposes a brand new Independence League, although he calls it an interstate affair. In short, it is intended to take up federation and start a rival of the N. A. D. organization.

He mentions several deaf of national prominence whom he expects to assist him. Among these are Geo. W. Veditz and Thomas F. Fox. We fear Mr. Tilden will be much disappointed in these two gentlemen. Their intellectual penetrating powers will quickly show them that a better scheme to utterly obliterate federation could hardly be devised than that proposed by the California man.

Mr. Regensburg (who is also mentioned) may accept. The honor of being president of the California Association and a free trip abroad are an inducement. We would join ourselves under such circumstances, but fear we can't move to Berkeley. Never mind, the free trip abroad will suffice us.

We are mighty glad that the Oakland man started this scheme in the autumn. Most of us can stand it to have a good deal of hot air around during the cold winter months. R.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

At a special session held in the city of Kalamazoo on Dec. 31st, 1910, the Board of Managers of the Mid-West Association of the Deaf, by a unanimous vote, named Kalamazoo as the place for holding the second annual tri-state reunion and designated Nov. 29 and 30, 1911, as the dates; it was also ordered that an invitation be extended to all deaf mutes residing in the northern part of Indiana and that of Illinois to spend the day in the beautiful city of Kalamazoo as our guests.

In addition to the dance and dinner the best speakers in our language will be engaged for the occasion. Indeed, nothing will be left undone to make the day one of pleasure and profit. After the celebration is over, there is our beautiful city to visit for which purpose an entertainment committee is provided.

The revenue derived from the sale of tickets will be devoted exclusively to paying expenses, and any unexpended balance to the credit of the association will be voted away to charity.

"LIVE AND LET LIVE."

In speaking of a person's faults, Pray don't forget your own; Remember those with homes of glass, Should seldom throw a stone. If we have nothing else to do, But talk of those who sin, 'Tis better we commence at home, And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man, Until he's fairly tried; Should we not like his company, We know the world is wide; Some may have faults, and who has not, The old as well as young? Perhaps we may for aught we know, Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan, And find it works full well, To try my own defects to cure, Before of others tell, And though I sometimes hope to be No worse than some I know, My own short comings bid me let The faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence To slander friend or foe, Think of the harm one word may do To those who little know; Remember curses, sometimes like Our chickens, roost at home, Don't speak of others' faults until We have none of our own.

"FORGIVE AND FORGET."

(A friend sends us the above. We do not know who is the author, but it contains a whole mine of good suggestions.)

MEMBERSHIP GROWING.

According to advices from Treasurer Freeman 60 names have been added to the list of paid members since his last report on July 1st. The N. A. D. on October 31st had 175 paid-up members. Of these about sixty are new members who have joined the Association since the Colorado Convention. Quite a number of old members, including some prominent ones, have neglected to pay their dues, evidently through oversight. All such are requested to pay up at once. The N. A. D. needs every dollar it can get to make it an efficient organization. There is work to be done in defending the sign language, in suppressing imposters, in preventing discriminations in the government service. New members are solicited. Send a dollar to S. M. Freeman, Treasurer, Cave Springs, Ga.

OLOF HANSON, Pres.

SPEAR POINTS.

In the Journal of November 9 Mr. Hanson makes a statement relative to the moving picture fund tangle, I must say Mr. Hanson makes some statements that surprise me greatly. I have written him in regard to same and will not now go into any details of the matter, but will await his answer. I, however, wish at this time to call the attention of the deaf of this country to certain aspects of this moving picture business.

I have never enthused over the proposition to collect a large sum of money and practically throw it away for purely sentimental purposes. We need money. It is hard to get. And when we get it every cent of it should be used from a hard, business proposition standpoint. The N. A. D. is not organized for sentimental purposes. We have hard, matter of fact problems before us. Before our eyes we see legislation enacted turning combined schools into oral schools. We see, as Pach has said, "educated deaf college graduates hunting around months and months jobless, where young women fresh from normal schools are given classes of deaf children to be taught by means of speech and speech reading, totally unfitted for the work, ignorant of the language of the deaf and indifferent as to the length of time they stay in the service."

This is not sentiment. It is fact hard merciless fact. And in the face of this, where we almost daily see the rights of the deaf encroached upon, where we see our people divided and denied the right to participate in shaping affairs that go to the very foundation of our happiness and enjoyment in this life—we, our national organization—collects large sums of money and squanders it for sentimental purposes. We make moving pictures. We repair monuments. We establish "funds" for this and that, squander our resources and quarrel over it.

I look at the N. A. D. as a business organization only. I think it is the duty of the association to put itself in a position to meet these conditions and let sentiment go hang. I think its nothing short of sin to waste our efforts and resources in making moving pictures, repairing monuments and the like when our every effort should be concentrated on the one supreme purpose to put money in the treasury that we may attain to a position of power and meet the real life and death problems that confront us.

Moving pictures of Dr. Gallaudet will not preserve the sign language. Moving pictures of Dr. Gallaudet will not prevent combined schools being legislated into oral schools. Moving pictures of Gallaudet College and its noble students will not obtain posi-

tions as teachers for those same noble students.

The announcement of the promoters of the moving picture fund shows in an instant that they regarded the whole scheme as sentimental. And insofar as they attempt to justify it from a practical and useful standpoint, they fall flat as a pancake. I here quote the announcement:

"The convention of the National Association of the Deaf, World's Congress of the Deaf, will be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, from Saturday, August 13, inclusive, 1910.

"The association is raising a fund for the purpose of taking and preserving, in moving pictures, addresses and lectures delivered in the sign language of the deaf by famous educators of the deaf, such as Dr. E. M. GALLAUDET, their greatest living benefactor. These moving pictures will be exhibited before the many thousand of deaf mutes of this country, and also be preserved for the use of future generation.

"You know how valuable those moving pictures will be for religious, educational and entertainment purposes. You are earnestly requested to help the cause along by contributing TEN CENTS, or more, if you please. Any money that is not used for moving pictures will be paid over to the Endowment Fund of the association to help the welfare of the deaf."

The first paragraph of this announcement is sentimental pure and simple. I do not think anyone can possibly squeeze any meaning into it or out of it, other than sentimental.

The second paragraph attempts to justify this waste of our resources on the ground that "you know how valuable these moving pictures will be for religious, educational and entertainment purposes." Valuable to whom and how? I deny the truth of this statement absolutely. And as for "educational purposes," we don't want moving pictures for educational purposes when right here under our eyes they are exacting laws restricting our education. What monumental folly!

It is stated these pictures will be

preserved for the use of "future generations." Is this the way the sign language is to be "preserved?" Are we to preserve it for the benefit of future generations in the shape of moving pictures while we see it destroyed or restricted right under our noses? If the sign language is a good thing for the deaf—the very corner stone of their education and happiness—it seems to me it would be more to the point to preserve it in USE rather than in moving pictures to be shown to "future generations."

A. R. SPEAR.

Minneapolis, Nov. 13.

LOST! A HOBBY.

In framing his new Independence League Douglas Tilden seems to have lost sight of his pet hobby—"The anti-Gallaudet or common deaf mute." Of those prominently mentioned by Mr. Tilden not one is a "common deaf mute." Now we are a "common deaf mute" ourself and were probably hoeing potatoes while Messrs. Tilden and Regensburg were at college. We do not grudge them their education, but we do not want to continue hoeing potatoes while Messrs. Tilden and Regensburg take a free trip to Europe at the expense of the Independence League. —R.

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A new paper for the deaf has made its appearance. It hails from Salt Lake City, Utah, and is called the Utah Dixie. It is a monthly and its subscription price is one dollar a year.

Elsewhere in this issue is published an article by A. R. Spear. While we do not agree with Mr. Spear on the whole, the article contains much worth of careful thought.

WE ARE ACCOMMODATING.

Mr. Tilden in his article in the Journal outlining his new Independence League says, "We will wait. We will see how the American deaf accept our ideas." Good. We are devoting considerable space in this issue in an endeavor to show you what we think.
R.

We learn with regret of the death of Miss Mary Gordon, at Washington, D. C., on October 14, at the age of eighty-two. Miss Gordon had charge of the oral department at Gallaudet College for several years after it was established, but she was also a fine sign-maker. She was our teacher in lip-reading, and we can testify that she was a splendid teacher. We remember well her graceful little head crowned with its heavy coils of hair. When she let her hair down it was a sight not to be forgotten,—the tiny figure, sparkling eyes, and the masses of hair falling around her nearly to the floor. She was a descendant of Mary Clinton, who stepped on Plymouth Rock from the Mayflower, and each Thanksgiving day she would speak of her descent with modest pride. She was indeed a sweet and upright character.

EDITOR HODGSON LOVES A JOKE

Editor Hodgson of the New York Journal, in speaking of the proposed Federation conference in California, says: "Therefore words from Mr. Tilden deserve attention." Possibly Mr. Hodgson had in mind the Tilden plan with which page after page of the deaf papers were filled for over a year not so long ago. Or maybe the Journal editor referred to the great Independence League which was to revolutionize things at Colorado. Some people went to Colorado Springs expecting to see the town placarded with "Tilden Plan" and "Independence League," but alas, not a peep or a shadow of it appeared.

We conjecture also that Mr. Hodgson had reference to the parliamentary articles which appeared in the Journal last spring and which were the laughing stock of the nation for months.

Mr. Hodgson's joke is rather severe on the California man. —R.

PORTLAND, ORGEON.

Word has been received from Frank Tolson. He is located at Seghers, Ore. He has been quite sick with lung fever, but is gaining in health and strength daily.

Miss Anita Stark's mother passed from this earth on the 11th. She was in her 63rd year. Anita has our most heart-felt sympathy.

Mrs. W. F. Schneider is carrying around a big smile on her face since Mr. Schneider is coming back from Illinois in a few weeks.

Robt. Lines was down with a heavy cold, but is enjoying the best of health again.

Fred Matthews departed for Illinois last Sunday. No doubt he will be glad to come back to dear old Oregon some day.

Henry Nelson is talking of making a visit in Seattle some time in December.

The Gipsy Smith meetings have been well attended (not less than ten thousand attendance daily), considering the sort of the days. It was raining and stormy most of the time. The evangelist said he never met people before in his life so absolutely weatherproof. Mrs. Metcalf interpreted for the deaf three evenings and between 20 and 25 were present. She will interpret again on the 25th and 27th.

Mrs. Hunter with some of the teachers from the Vancouver School was down to attend the meeting Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meagher and also Miss Etta Eslinger attended Sunday evening.

Let your truth stand sure,
And the world is true;
Let your heart keep pure—
And the world will, too.

—GEO. HOUGHTON.

MONTANA BRIEFS.

Charles D. Russell is well pleased with his claim at Valier, Mont. He reports a yield of 461 bushels of wheat from 25 acres, and 1,030 bushels of oats from 45 acres. That speaks well for the virgin soil. Mr. Russell leaves on the 18th inst. for Omaha, then to La Salle, Illinois, for Thanksgiving, and expects to spend the Christmas holidays in Chicago. Before the opening of spring he will be back to Valier and farm for a larger crop.

Miss Edith Harlan of Bitter Root, the famed apple valley, is now in Boulder Valley visiting with Mrs. Edith Kemp. Miss Harlan's father is one of the pioneer orchardists of Bitter Root, and has captured a long string of blue and red ribbons at the apple shows. Recently a fruit buyer from Fargo, North Dakota, took a fancy to Mr. Harlan's crab apples and offered to purchase the whole lot, provided they could pick, pack and ship on a certain day. The whole force of the Harlans hustled about for two days and received a check for \$1,200. That speaks well for Montana crabs. Another, Mr. Steinhart, the largest fruit buyer for the east, selected two car loads of Mr. Harlan's "wealthies" and said if the apples are properly packed in condition to reach New York he would look nowhere else for apples. That speaks volumes for Montana apples, doesn't it?

Robert Hall, brother of Mrs. Lottie Hall-Garrett, has proved up a claim of 160 acres at Valier, Mont. It is thought that the government will soon throw open for settlement the timber reserve of the Flathead Valley. The land and the timber is surely a bonanza. Who has the nerve to come out and make good? Come west, young man. Build a home and be independent.

Supt. L. E. Milligan is hunting for deer with a party in Gallatin Valley. Mr. Milligan, should you bag any, put it in cold storage for us to feast on when we are with you next June.

Rah for Cleveland, 1913! It is the right place in the right hands. The Buckeye boys and girls are hustlers and entertainers that can't be beat. A delegation of Montanians will be towed by ye scribe on to Chicago then sail to Cleveland and keep cool. (Wait for the Washington crowd.—Ed.)

The thirteenth day of November was a day of cheer for ye scribe on his lonely ranch by the receipt of a bunch of letters from dear friends, Edward Kington, George E. Morten, Ernest W. Craig, of Chicago, and from the "scribe of the Ohio Colony," also copies of the "Chronicle." Another from home, announcing the shipment of a big boxful of Thanksgiving things.

C. C. C.

LOCAL ITEMS

Tinkle, tinkle little bell, but then we mustn't tell. Two of them next month.

Rudy Stuht took several days' vacation this week, which he spent in Seattle.

John Moore of Tacoma was in town last week looking for a job at his trade of shoemaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Swangren and Mr. and Mrs. Haire have taken rooms together on Minor Avenue.

Eddie Spieler has reached Seattle again. He has been at work somewhere in the vicinity of Spokane.

Emory Vinson of Portland made a short call in Seattle Sunday en route from Vancouver, B. C., to Portland.

Seattle is to have a new chess and checker club with elegant quarters. M. O. Smith is one of the elect. Few players excel him.

Fred Emmons is nailing shoe leather for M. O. Smith. We dropped in on them one day and found both so busy they hard'y had time to look up and say hello.

Jake Alaska Garberson arrived in Seattle last Saturday on his annual return trip. He has about as much gold as usual. He says that next year he will return with a silk hat and a \$2,000 nugget watch chain.

Little Marion Hanson took a leading role in a children's play that was given at Christ Church last week. All of the Hanson girls, even Helen the baby, won pretty gold pins recently for never failing to attend or being late at Sunday school for a whole year.

M. O. Smith has received a letter from his former teacher, Mr. Fritz Bech, who is now superintendent of the School for Deaf in Fredricia, Denmark. This is an oral school but the superintendent evidently is not entirely satisfied with it, for he writes, "I teach by the oral method, which is good for the bright pupils, but not suitable for those of inferior mental capacity."

P. S. A. D. MEETING.

At the meeting Saturday evening Mr. Partridge, chairman of the Thanksgiving Committee, announced that on that day there will be a social at the Hanson house, with games and refreshments.

Mrs. Wright invited the Association to her house the evening of December 30.

N. Carl Garrison and Grace Ziegler were admitted to membership and the name of Harry Hortop was presented for admission.

Mr. Koberstein will have charge of the social November 25.

Mr. Gustin gave a short sketch of Frederick the Great.

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TACOMA.

Sanford Spratlen of Portland was in town some time ago and was entertained by Mr. Rowan.

O. Minnick, who is a butcher at the Carstens plant, has always had a longing to try his hand on goats, just why, no one knows. He had his chance the other day but found the task wasn't as agreeable as he had anticipated.

John Moore went over to Seattle the other day to see whether he could secure better work over there. But it was so windy and generally disagreeable, he says, that he was glad to return to Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster have moved to a place near Fern Hill, where they will embark in the chicken business. Who will next catch the "hen fever?"

Mr. Rowan was idle for some time recently, but has now resumed work with the Carstens Co.

Seattle is at liberty to be proud of Authur Classen. (See Gallaudet notes in last issue of Observer.) But Tacoma is his home and the city HE is proud of.

A round dozen of the deaf here (they were square too, understand), gave a surprise party to Mrs. Foster on her birthday, Nov. 11th. They presented her with a handsomely framed water-color and wished her many happy returns of the day, to which she gracefully responded, and then games were played and a supper of cake, sandwiches and coffee was served and the party dispersed, declaring they'd had another red letter day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade gave a delightful dinner party Sunday, Nov. 19th. Those gathered around the bountifully set table were Mr. and Mrs. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Miss Patterson and Mrs. Seeley. The company was reinforced during the afternoon by the arrival of Mr. Rowan, Miss Siegel and Mr. Miller.

An unusually enjoyable time was had, telling anecdotes and laughing over some of Mr. Rowan's wonderful dreams.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Miss Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Wade took dinner with the Seeleys Tuesday evening, November 14th.

S. Eaton has resumed work at the Old Town Mill.

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Bible Class for the deaf meets on the third Sunday each month at 3:30 p. m. in Trinity Parish Church, come Eighth Ave. & James St. All welcome Olof Hanson, Lay-reader, in charge.

The Bible class last Sunday was one of unusual interest. Mr. Hanson was the leader. Twenty-one were present.

THE CONGRESS AT ROME.

Editor The Observer:

Thinking it will be of interest to the deaf in this country as to what the deaf are doing across the big sea, I will enclose a translation from the Danish, again translated from the Italian language by the well-known deaf artist V. Chr. Hansen, who through extensive studying trips in Rome and other Italian places of historic and artistic interest, has acquired the Italian language.

Any comments from my side are unnecessary as the article speaks clearly enough for itself, but it appears to me as if our brothers and sisters on the other side of the Atlantic are less independent of the hearing people—not "able to paddle their own canoe" as a favorite American expression has it. This defect seems to be common in every European country. However, I do not want it to appear as if my opinions are to be taken as conclusive.

Here is the article in full:

The International Congress in Rome was held on the 22, 23 and 24 of August, 1911. The president of the congress, Deputeret Brunatti, opened the congress in the famous Engelsborg. Present beside the deaf were also a large number of high officials, among them the mayor of Rome, Nathan; also delegates from Spain, Hungary, France, Cuba and Japan. After a number of congratulations the deaf assistant, Micheloni, in behalf of the deaf thanked every one who was present.

The discussions proper started during the afternoon under much confusion. There were only 80 in all present, of whom 40 were from Rome, and the rest from outside Rome and teachers of the deaf.

The first thing talked about was compulsory school attendance for the deaf, the subject being introduced by Micheloni and a Spaniard.

A good many protests were introduced, among them being those of a lawyer who objected to the president's introductory speech. The lawyer was of the opinion that the congress had not been called together to thank charity, priests and the churches, but only to discuss the education of the deaf. A teacher from Holland complained that there was no interpreter. Lastly the Italian sculptor Monti protested because he and his friends were denied the privilege of taking part in the discussion.

There were not many at the meeting the next day either. The Frenchman, Gaillard, was the first on the program. He thought that in institutions where shoemaking, tailoring, printing, etc., is taught, the pupil ought to be allowed to choose his own trade. Every pupil ought to be taught drawing and modeling, and the more intelligent mathematics, stenography, etc.

The deaf ought to aim at work just as good as the hearing people.

The president read the manuscript of the Spanish delegate, which among other things said that the deaf can learn every work or trade which the hearing people can learn.

The Turkish deaf teacher, Pekmezian, gave an account of the wretched condition of the deaf in Turkey, and he hoped that the Turkish government, which country now is facing a brighter period (this was before the Turkish-Italian war), also would do something for the deaf.

President Micheloni thought that the deaf should have freedom in choosing an occupation, whether the one learned at the school or another.

Vice-President Falconi was not of the same opinion as Micheloni. The deaf ought to follow the trade learned at school. If left to himself, the deaf might be tempted to become a vagrant.

Teacher Francocci, Rome, denied Gaillard's assertion that the deaf can learn the same as hearing people. He can, for example, not become a lawyer, stenographer, etc.

Hecker, a teacher from Milan, advised the deaf women to earn a livelihood as servant girls and cooks. It was also desirable if the deaf of peasant parentage could learn agriculture. He especially desired to warn the deaf from seeking work in a foreign country, as they have already many striking examples from such ventures.

The president then announced the adjournment of the discussions and read the following resolutions:

"The congress is of the opinion that the pupils can themselves decide as to what trade they want to learn, and that it would be very practical if the deaf of peasant parentage could learn agriculture, flower and fruit growing."

The discussions continued the third day.

A young deaf man from Rome contended that the teachers of the deaf underestimate the ability of the deaf pupils, and that they can be taught exactly like hearing children; also that it is improper to speak of the deaf as abnormal or defective.

Francocci, a teacher, informed the young Romans, that when the deaf in the presence of hearing people receives applause and admiration, then one must suppose that the education is quite fair.

A few more spoke about unimportant things, and a few hearing fellows clamored about a few matters which marred this congress, and at last the president adjourned the congress.

The Italian paper La Domenica del Sordomuto, from which the above is taken regard the congress as a fiasco and poorly managed. The deaf from the different countries could not understand one another, even if they used signs. The teachers for the deaf

did not either understand the sign language and there was no interpreter.

E. L. SCHETNAN.

ST. JOHNS.

Mrs. Lawrence Gromachey has a fine patch of ripe strawberries.

A short time ago as Robert Lines went out to count his chickens he found two little ones missing. He went into the wood shed to look for them but failed to hear them peeping so he thought he would borrow a pair of ears in order to find where they had nestled. Neighbor McCure had a fine pair which brought the chickies out from a dark little corner. Mr. Lines now has several chickens which came as a birthday present from a dozen of eggs.

Little Grace Fay has grown quite fat and healthy since she went out on the Reeves' farm. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are delighted with her, for whenever she hears anything going on in the barnyard she is sure to notify them. Grace is only three years old and a very bright little girl.

Sanford Spratlen and Lloyd Peterson have gone into partnership and bought a dairy ranch out at Tigard, Oregon. We wish them success.

Last Monday quite a crowd of deaf people gathered at the home of Fred Jorg, where they purchased all of his household goods.

Mrs. Hans Scott spent several days last week visiting relatives at Castle Rock, Wash. PRIMROSE.

A WORTHY WORK.

We are in receipt of the ninth annual report of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, at Doylestown, Pa. It is a model home, ably conducted, and it is very pleasant to think of the twenty aged and infirm deaf people housed there and passing their last years in tranquility and congenial companionship. Our friend and classmate, J. A. McIlvaine, is treasurer of the Home, and also on the Executive Committee.

"That day is best wherein we give

A thought to others' sorrow;

Forgetting self we learn to live,

And blessings born of kindly deeds

Make golden our tomorrow."

THE N. A. D. DOES NOT MIND.

Dear Mr. Tilden, you must really not shed any tears at being obliged to ignore the N. A. D. It's too busy to mind it. If you can only pull a lot of sore heads out of it and get them to fighting themselves you will have accomplished something. —R.

COURAGE.

Darkness before, all joy behind!
Yet keep thy courage, do not mind;
He soonest reads the lesson right,
Who reads with back against the light.
—GEO. HOUGHTON.

BEGGARS AND BORROWERS ARE HALF BROTHERS

Rosalia, Wash., Nov. 2, 1911.

Mr. L. O. Christenson,

Publisher, Observer.

Dear Sir:

We would be very much interested to learn your experience with the deaf in general "whose word is as good as their bond."

I have in mind now seven different deaf persons who have come to my parents, husband and me for money loans of from \$1 to \$15 within the last ten years who have promised on their sacred honor to repay it and to date not one of these have "made good" their promises. I guess you will hold up your hand and say they are imposters, but they are all well known and I am sure I could find most of their names on your subscription list. You will wonder why we did not stop when one did not make good. The reason is that we believe there are sincere deaf who really do keep their promises and honor them and we are only too glad to extend a helping hand to such. We don't wish to judge a l by a few.

One day I witnessed a conversation between two deaf gents. One had borrowed an eagle from another deaf gentleman but had given no proof of it in return, and the borrower was saying he was not compelled to repay it as the other had no proof he had borrowed it, as he had just promised in sign language to return it. I have never heard if he did keep his promise or not, but hope he did. I also hope the others will make good their promises and keep the respect that a broken promise is sure to lose for them.

Wishing the Observer every success, we remain,

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. ED. B. MORGAN,

Box 40. Rosalia, Wash.

We are glad to print the above. It is to be regretted that there are so many who have so little sense of honor that they neglect to pay back what is borrowed. Still the practice of borrowing is more of a habit than a necessity. The writer of this has lived in this old world some forty summers, yet in that time has hardly had a dozen occasions to borrow money even in small sums. If you have not the money, then go without. Don't borrow. It is not the ignorant and unfortunate alone who are victims of the borrowing habit. Some years ago we worked in a printing office where men were getting \$24 per week, yet a day or so after payday some of these men would come around after a loan. We know of a deaf man of considerable prominence who has a reputation as a chronic

borrower, in fact borrows of nearly every one and some of these have been obliged to go to law to get back what they lent. Some one has said beggars and borrowers are half-brothers. If you have the borrowing habit, break it. —R.

PORTERSVILLE, CAL.

Cogswell Club met at South Price Hall, September 30, in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. S. Evans of Tulare and Mrs. A. Cummings and Alvin Conrad of Milo were present. The question of deaf imposters was discussed. L. A. Palmer gave an account of the box supper on September 16. A vote of thanks was passed to the committee in charge. Stuart Evans talked about the employers' liability law. It was decided to celebrate December 10, Gallaudet Day.

Sam Waters was elected treasurer of the club, and \$3.15 was turned over to him. The club then adjourned to meet October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Evans spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Palmers' place. Mrs. Cummings and Alvin Conrad also dined there Sunday.

The box supper was very successful, and was held at Wann Hall on September 16th. Mrs. Martin was chairman of arrangements, and Mr. Cunningham auctioneer. He got good prices for the boxes, the highest bid being \$1.50. The money went to the club fund, and the debt of the club was paid. There was lots of fun while eating the supper. Partners were changed, and some men who had "Miss Nobody" inside their boxes had to eat alone. After supper there was dancing and funny tricks. At midnight the crowd broke up.

Lizzie Martin, who has been working two months in a laundry in Los Angeles, was called home to take care of her father who broke his leg recently.

L. A. PALMER.

SPOKANE.

Howd'ye, Mr. Winter Boreas,

Jingle bel's, jingle bel's,

Jingle all the way,

Oh what fun it is to ride

In a four-horse bobtail sleigh.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney on Saturday evening, Nov. 11th, in honor of the completion of their new house. Many of their friends were present.

Old man Boreas has layed off nearly all the city laborers and Messrs. Arnot, Frisby, Henrich and Bergh find it tire-some killing time these days.

David Krause evidently could not find a better place than Spokane. What, back already? Why of course.

William Charles is again back at his old post at the Crescent Laundry.

William Henrich says there is always a big crowd at the roller rink when he goes. Why not. That cute little cap he's wearing ought to attract all the girls in town.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Grace Pritchard and David H. Krause was made on the evening of the 11th. Congratulations.

The election held on Nov. 4th favored John Frisby, president; Miss Myra Ford, vice president; J. H. O'Leary, secretary; F. Banister, treasurer; Mrs. Bergh, doorkeeper. Mrs. Bergh and Smith were chosen trustees.

Ross Slightam, who was some time ago appointed to the public sanitary department, is so proud of his new star he shows it around and tells you just what he thinks of you.

Frank Masopust is our most patient poultryman. Even though the weather is bad Frank cannot be discouraged. He always has something interesting to tel' about his hens.

TOMMY.

SLANDER—That worst of poisons ever finds an easy entrance to ignoble minds.

Harvey, in Webster's Dictionary.

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